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## **Volunteer Membership Meeting Minutes October 9, 2019**

Planner Bob Leracz called the meeting to order at 1900 hours and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Oland made a motion, second by Ed Finnegan to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Tim Derby and Cathy Flanagan both moved to full membership tonight. Congratulations to you both and we look forward to your continued involvement with our organization.

### **Bob Leracz (Planner)**

- Sept lightning strike damaged Audio Visual system throughout the EOC; 3 replacement monitors; 2 replacement MATRIX Units; a lot of replacement cabling; replacement Video Conference system; replacement radio console
- Corrected talk groups on Starcom Mobiles; talking on EMA SEARCH no longer connects to the Coroner
- EMAT4 approved for McHenry County; shorter trailer; generator runs on propane; no radio mast; IESMA will find a new home for EMAT1
- 50 roles of flagging tape ordered; 4 additional cache GPS units; 4 Lost Person behavior books
- Coroner's report on Aidan Beckford was provided to NWHerald after FOIA request
- Watch for an upcoming presentation on: Recognizing and Responding to Autism in the Community – A Search & Rescue Approach from the Center for Autism & Related Disorders
- Driving an EMA Vehicle – Err on the side of caution; if the speed limit is 55, drive 54; avoid violating traffic laws; pedestrians have the right of way many times; be courteous
- EMA Incident Deployments – We always say: Don't give information to reporters or the public and don't be standing around doing things that a random photograph published to media will make you regret

### **Wally Karla (Support Branch)**

- 9/4 Detail: thank you to all for showing up; all are welcome; come and leave when you can
- 10/12 Next Monthly Support detail

### **Bill Pickett (Search & Rescue Team Lead)**

- Recent GSAR training: 11 members went through it, everyone finished
- SOP: Good
- Functional & Field Exercises: Working toward
- 10/12 Next SARIO Multi Agency Training (last month practiced night searching)
- 10/26 Lost Person Behavior Training in Elgin and again on 11/16 in central IL; very good class; sign up on ISARC website; covers many categories
- 11/2 SAREX Exercise in Northern Kane County; full scale exercise from across the state; more info to follow; put in whatever time you can that day

### **Jeff Oland (Rehab Team Lead)**

- No callouts this past month

- Combined training with RH North and RH South TBD
- 2020 Table Top Exercise to come
- 11/19 Next meeting

Frank Mahony: RH North will invite RH South to participate in November exercise

### **Bob Leracz (EOC Ops)**

- 11/7 Next meeting (remember meetings are every other month now)
- IS2200 is mandatory for everyone in this division

### **Jim Rospopo (Deputy Branch Director)**

- 10/24 Deputy Directors will meet with EMA staff to discuss onboarding ideas; will bring results to volunteers at January meeting
- ESV Board member Yvette James has resigned from the secretary position (not as a volunteer) because of family matters; taking nominations until January 1<sup>st</sup>; you can self-nominate; email the DD's with your nomination

- Jim Rospopo: [jrospopo@gmail.com](mailto:jrospopo@gmail.com)
- John Zelz: [jwzelz@gmail.com](mailto:jwzelz@gmail.com)
- Rob Locke: [1079@sbcglobal.net](mailto:1079@sbcglobal.net)

### **John Zelz (Deputy Branch Director)**

- First year using new on boarding process; will include all current probationary volunteers also; will be good and will benefit all; excited about this new step
- Courses/Trainings that you take may cost, come to the ESV Board with a request for reimbursement of the expense through the ESV Fund prior to taking the class.
- Comms completing last half of inventory
- 10/26 Comms Nets kickoff at 0900 Hours in EMA EOC; drills with radios (Starcom & VHS); you will get a good handle on using them
- SOP – Written and posted on Slack
- 10/25 & 10/26 State SET Drill – We will NOT participate; would only have had very minimal participation so chose not to go; will look at other kinds of training for techniques at local level

### **David Christensen (Director)**

- Jim Horton Proclamation – see attached
- Emergency Management Briefing – Earthquake article – posted on Slack
- Equipment Inventory request to divisions – requested because not sure if the equipment is ours or not; can we use or not; please remove if just being stored
- ESV Fund – Training Expenses: great idea
- Training – If a group of you is going, check with the office to use one of the EMA vehicles ahead of time
- State EOC was activated 155 days this year so far; EOC Ops Division could be very busy; Wisconsin water shed is full already; could have a crazy year ahead
- EOC Ops SOP is completed; Cook Co borrowed it and thanked us for its use
- Training – IS2200 makes you think about how things are set up in an EOC or where the gaps are; ESV is a huge part of filling those gaps; stronger if we know more; all FEMA classes are free; consider taking
- Classroom Trainings (1 day commitment) – If you see one you want to take up here, let us know and we'll make a request; networking during these is sometimes very informative

### **Extras:**

- Frank Mahony: RH North was called out for a motor vehicle accident; on scene for 7 hours;

learning experience; may be used for more now

-Sue Zwierzycki: Some Slack comments are annoying; try to use Slack for postings and constructive discussion about the topic/policy/procedure.

-Jeff Oland: Be careful out there; Friday getting cooler; be ready

*\*Any ideas/suggestions for training, please contact the EMA office.*

*\*If you have changed your email, address, phone numbers, and/or service provider, please make sure the EMA office has your updated information.*

*\*Division Managers please review your rosters for activity.*

*If a member has not been involved, please find out if they wish to continue.*

**~Next meeting~**

**Wednesday, November 13, 1800 hours**

**Dinner Meeting at El Niagara**

**Check the web site for the full calendar at:**

<https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/county-government/departments-a-i/emergency-management/esv-calendar>

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